

LIEUTENANT JOHN WILSON—CHILDREN OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 791.]

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Mr. POTTER, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of the heirs of Lieutenant John Wilson, submit the following report:*

That John Wilson, under oath, declared on the 26th of July, 1845, being then eighty-nine years of age, that he entered the service in the revolutionary war in March, 1777, as a private, and served one month; that in 1778, in the expedition to Florida, he again entered the service, and served as a private and afterwards as a lieutenant for the period of about fifteen months; that in 1782 he was made captain, and served as such one month and a half, and received from the State of Georgia 450 acres of land as a lieutenant. It is certified that John Wilson received the 450 acres. Jacob Burktröller and Samuel Holliman testify that John Wilson did serve in the revolutionary war when called out with the militia. Mr. Dodge, a special officer of the Pension office, sent to investigate frauds in Georgia, in a report to the Commissioner of Pensions, says: "That he is satisfied, from a thorough examination, that John Wilson was a man of the most perfect veracity; that his statements, making allowance for the infirmity of human memory, are entitled to the fullest confidence, and this opinion is the result of personal conference with General Drane and other residents of Columbia county, where John Wilson lived and died."

The Hon. A. H. Stephens, of Georgia, who carefully examined the case while a member of Congress, says, in a recent letter filed in the case, "*that, from an examination of the papers, and from his knowledge of the parties, I have no doubt of its justice.*"

He says he knows Elias Wilson, the son of John Wilson, (who is now claiming the pension,) well, and served with him in the legislature of Georgia before he went to Congress, and that he is a gentleman of high character and of great personal worth.

Your committee, from the abundant proof, and of such high character adduced, report a bill, with the recommendation that it do pass.

